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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMECON DELEGATION TO GUYANA

1. A SOVIET COMECON (CMEA) DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE GEORGETOWN JANUARY 24, 1977 FOR A TWO WEEK VISIT. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PRESS RELEASE, THE CMEA, AFTER PAYING COURTESY CALLS ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REID AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS, WILL BBDT#IN WORKING SESSIONS WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DESMOND HOYTE, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HUBERT JACK, AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTUREAVIN KENNARD, AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS, TO DISCUSS AREAS OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND "POSSIBLE FORMS OF SUCH COOPERATION". THE TEAM IS HEADED BY CMEA DEPUTY SECRETARY I. PERPEDZHEL AND INCLUDES COUNSELLORS I. GALWXL OGN OV AND I. GULICH, EXPERT R. GARCIA SOTO, AND CONSULTANT A. SHASHKOV.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT IN GOG CONTROLLED "GUYANA CHRONICLE", THE VISIT IS BELIEVED TO BE A "FOLLOW-UP" TO AN APPLICATION FOR A FORM OF ASSOCIATION SUBMITTED BY MINISTER HOYTE AT THE INVITATION OF THE CMEA EXECUTIVE
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COMMITTEE DURING A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ONE YEAR AGO IN HAVANA WHERE HOYTE WAS IN ATTENDANCE AS AN INVITED GUEST. DURING THIS MEETING, HOYTE OUTLINED THE GOG'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, STRESSING GUYANA'S NEED FOR STABLE EXPORT MARKETS AT GUARANTEED PRICES AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY ON "FAIR AND EQUITABLE TERMS". PRESS SPECULATION IS THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER ON THESE LAST TWO TOPICS.

3. COMMENT: GOG OFFICIALS HAVE COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT
THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE CEMA VISIT WILL LEAD TO ANY
SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE FOR GUYANA. WE NOTE THAT SOVIET
AMBASSADOR VLADAMIR KOTENEV IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL
NOT RETURN UNTIL AFTER THE CEMA TEAM HAS DEPARTED.
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